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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and norms fixed by the Government to set up Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more Krishi Vigyan Kendras during the current financial year;

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(d) the details of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the country as on date, State-wise;

(e) the details of the funds allocated by the Union Government for smooth running and setting up of such Kendras during the last three years, State-wise;

(f) the criteria fixed for allocation of such funds to States; and

(g) the achievements made by these Kendras, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) The Government has approved for establishment of one Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in each of the 578 rural districts (as per India 2002) of the country by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research during the X Plan. A Site Selection Team examines the logistics for establishment of a KVK based on the proposals received from a district.

(b) & (c): There is a proposal to set up 100 KVKs during the current financial year, of which 43 have already been sanctioned, the details of which are given in Annexure-I.

(d) These KVKs are sanctioned to the State Agricultural Universities, ICAR institutes, Non Governmental Organizations, State Governments and other educational institutions. As on date, there are 494 KVKs in the country. The State-wise number of KVKs is given in Annexure-II.

(e) The funds are released to the organizations implementing the KVK programme. During the last three years 2002-03 to 2004-05), an amount of Rs.33386.25 lakh has been released. The details of fund released to these organizations in various States/UTs are given in Annexure-III.

(f) The criteria for release of funds to the KVKs include stage of development of infrastructure, staff in position, activities taken up, and submission of audit utilization certificate.

(g) The activities of the KVK are On-farm trial to identify the location specificity of technology under various farming systems, frontline demonstration to establish its production potentials on the farmers` fields, training of farmers to upgrade their knowledge and skills, and training of extension personnel to orient them in the frontier areas of technology development. During the last one year, the KVKs identified 1318 technologies for On-farm trials, conducted 33,942 frontline demonstrations, organized training programmes benefiting 9.28 lakh farmers and extension personnel. About 24.30 lakh farmers and extension personnel participated in the extension activities. The details of the achievements of the KVKs in the major states are given in Annexure-IV.